

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 9, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. A copy of the Mayor's letter of support for Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding for the expansion of CalOptima Health's street medicine program.
- B. Memo from Community Services to provide information regarding the "Garden Grove Gems" home beautification program.
- C. Memo from Community Services to inform the City Council about the 2023 Art in the Park Special Event at Village Green Park.

II. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

- A. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council Spotlight, March 2023

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.


Lisa Kim
City Manager

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Mayor Pro Tem - District 1
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Council Member - District 6

March 8, 2023

RE: Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding — CalOptima Health's Street Medicine Program

Dear Member of Congress:

I am pleased to support CalOptima Health's request for \$5 million of Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding to support the expansion of its street medicine pilot program into a permanent program. As the sole Medi-Cal managed care plan in Orange County, CalOptima Health currently serves nearly one million members, including more than 10,000 members that may be experiencing homelessness.

In December 2021, a collaboration of public agencies — the Orange County Interagency Council on Homeless Health Care (OCICHHC) — was formed for the purpose of creating a Street Medicine Program. Street medicine includes health and social services developed specifically to address the unique needs and circumstances of unsheltered individuals. The fundamental approach of street medicine is to engage people experiencing homelessness where they are and on their own terms to maximally reduce or eliminate barriers to care access and follow-through services. The ultimate goal is to link individuals to the appropriately assigned medical home in order to prevent inappropriate emergency room utilization as well as prevent progression of untreated health conditions that result in high mortality rates among those unhoused.

As the presumptive source of health coverage for nearly all individuals experiencing homelessness in Orange County, CalOptima Health is uniquely positioned to lead street medicine services in partnership with providers, government entities and community-based organizations. Therefore, on April 1, 2023, CalOptima Health is launching a street medicine pilot program in the City of Garden Grove and has contracted with a street medicine provider to work with current Clinical Field Teams, outreach workers, and mobile teams to address the needs of the unhoused population in a limited area of Orange County. Following the pilot program, CalOptima Health seeks to expand its services to a broader high-need area of Orange County as part of a permanent street medicine program.

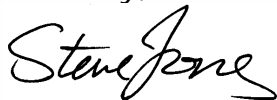
Orange County Congressional Delegation

**RE: Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project
Funding — CalOptima Health's Street Medicine Program**

March 8, 2023

In order to ensure much-needed health care services for more of Orange County's most vulnerable residents, I enthusiastically support CalOptima Health's federal funding request to expand its street medicine pilot program into a permanent program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Jones
Mayor

c: Orange County Congressional Delegation
Darrell Johnson, OCTA Chief Executive Officer
Potomac Partners, DC

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: GARDEN GROVE GEMS

From: John Montanez
Dept.: Community Services
Date: March 9, 2023

OBJECTIVE

To provide information regarding the "Garden Grove Gems" home beautification program, to be held virtually beginning Monday, April 10, 2023.

BACKGROUND

The City of Garden Grove previously hosted a home beautification program, Garden Grove Pride, which was staged annually for 43 years. This longstanding special event celebrated the community's most attractive homes and recognized the outstanding curb appeal efforts of homeowners in Garden Grove. In 2017, the Garden Grove Pride program was placed on hiatus to reassess its effectiveness. In 2022, the Community Services Department introduced a new home beautification program, named Garden Grove Gems. The goal of the program was to provide community pride while reinforcing the importance of maintaining a well-kept home, thus enhancing the beauty of the Garden Grove.

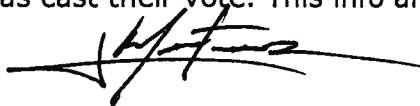
DISCUSSION

The Community Services Department is staging its 2nd Annual Garden Grove Gems program in the spring of 2023. The Gems program will again be offered to the community virtually, as virtual programming has become more commonplace for families and allows for safer participation.

Garden Grove Gems will give homeowners and renters who reside within six Garden Grove districts an opportunity to nominate their homes and participate in the online voting competition. The community-at-large will be able to vote online for one home per district, with one winner and one runner-up being selected from each district. Winners and runner-ups will be invited to a small reception before a City Council meeting, and recognized during Community Spotlight this coming June.

SUMMARY

The Gems program will return for its second year, beginning with the home nomination period of April 10-28, 2023, followed by a voting period of May 8-21, 2023, with the results being announced the Week of May 29. The Garden Grove Gems program will be marketed through social media, park banners, and on the City's website where the public can access the link to nominate their home as well as cast their vote. This info and more can be found at gcity.org/gems.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Community Services Director



By: Dana Saucedo
Community Services Assistant Supervisor

Attachment: Garden Grove Gems Save the Date Flyer



Save the Date

Garden Grove Gems is a virtual home beautification program recognizing Garden Grove residents for their amazing homes.

Nominate your home online to participate!



Nominations

**MONDAY, APRIL 10 –
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

Participating residents will
nominate themselves.

Voting

**MONDAY, MAY 8 –
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

Community will vote online
for one home per District.

visit ggcity.org/gems for more details.



2023 Art in the Park Special Event

March 15, 2023

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Lastly, GGUSD's annual First Impressions Student Art Exhibit, showcasing the artistic talents of GGUSD students, grades pre-K through 12th, will once again be located at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, in Village Green Park. Opening day is Saturday, March 18, at 9:00 a.m. The exhibit will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 20 through Thursday, March 23.

SUMMARY

The 5th annual Art in the Park in collaboration with GGUSD will take place on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Village Green Park. This free event will showcase a variety of artistic works produced by local artists and students across the Garden Grove school district.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ

Community Services Director



By: Mark Freeman

Community Services Supervisor

Attachment: Art in the Park Event Flyer

5TH ANNUAL

Art Park

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

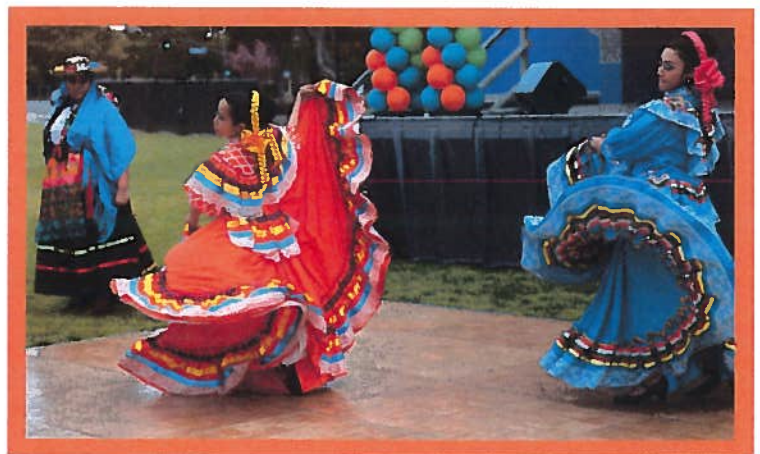
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Village Green Park

12732 Main Street, Garden Grove

The City of Garden Grove is partnering with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) to present this free, family-friendly event.

The GGUSD's First Impressions Art Gallery, showcasing hundreds of works of student art will be open, plus experience interactive art exhibits and create hands-on DIY keepsakes.



[ggcity.org/
artinthepark](http://ggcity.org/artinthepark)



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

The Regional Council has moved to approve SCAG’s Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, including the [Draft Overall Work Plan \(OWP\)](#). The framework for developing the Draft Comprehensive Budget is SCAG’s multi-year Strategic Plan, which focuses on SCAG’s vision and priorities to improve the organization and its operations.

The Regional Council’s vote also authorized the release of the Draft OWP for a 30-day period of public review from March 2 to April 3. Comments may be sent by email to nguyenk@scag.ca.gov or by completing the [comment form](#).

At the close of the public comment period, the Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for approval on May 4. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval, also in May.

ACTION REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION AND CALL TO ACTION TO SUPPORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA’S CRITICAL LOGISTICS INDUSTRY

The Transportation Committee recommended on Feb. 2, that the Regional Council approve the [Goods Movement Supply Chain Resolution](#); today, the resolution was adopted.

The SCAG region is home to the largest port complex in the country – the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (together called the San Pedro Bay Ports)– and has an extensive intermodal freight network that supports the flow of goods throughout the nation. Goods movement significantly contributes to the region’s economy and generates more than one-third of jobs in Southern California.

As part of the presentation, experts from the California Trucking Association and Pacific Merchant Shipping Association spoke about recent supply chain disruptions, the regulatory challenges ahead, loss of market share and uncertainty. For instance, the San Pedro Bay Ports had 26 consecutive months of growth from 2019, spurred by the pandemic, with only five months seeing growth below 10 percent; the last four months, however, have shown declines. Overall, container trade volumes through U.S. West Coast ports fell to some of their lowest levels in years.

Specifically, January 2023 container traffic at the major U.S. and Canadian ports on the Pacific Coast was uniformly down from pre-pandemic January 2019, while the opposite is true at U.S. East and Gulf Coast ports.

There was uniform agreement and support for the transition to zero emission technologies, with acknowledgement that significant challenges remain that require collective coordination and support at all levels of government. With heightened volatility and uncertainty, the focus on how to improve goods movement is at an all-time high. In response, SCAG has been working with partners and stakeholders to support a regional call-to-action including [five core principles](#) for addressing critical goods movement supply chain challenges and needs in the region. The [adopted resolution](#) codifies the five principles, including integration with Connect SoCal 2024 – Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and reaffirms SCAG’s regional leadership role in addressing current and future goods movement supply chain challenges.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) APPLICATION

The Regional Council today approved the [REAP 2.0 PATH program application](#) and authorized its Calls for Applications. The PATH program, formerly named the Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program, is one of the three major funding areas in SCAG’s [REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework](#). The [program guidelines](#), which the Regional Council adopted on Nov. 3, 2022, outline the program’s components, requirements, eligibility and application process, and staff recommendation to set aside \$88.835 million of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 funding to support the program.

The PATH program supports actions that accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; affirmatively furthers fair housing; and reduces vehicle miles traveled. Funding opportunities in this program are designed to bring housing production to scale in transit-supported infill areas across the Southern California region to meet the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

Following state approval of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 application, SCAG anticipates releasing Calls for Applications for the Notice of Funding Availability and Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands programs in April 2023. The Call for Applications for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing program is anticipated to be released in Summer 2023. For more information on REAP 2.0, visit scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

ANNUAL STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ESTABLISHED

Last week, under the strategic leadership of Jose Luis Solache, the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee discussed legislative priorities for the Sacramento Summit in April. SCAG’s top four legislative priorities will focus on:

1. Protecting transportation budget priorities that the Governor proposed cutting back on in his January budget;
2. Communicating our region’s housing progress, especially the good happening with our REAP funds;
3. Recognizing the important role that regions play in helping the state achieve our shared climate goals;

4. And asking the Legislature to establish a statewide task force to evaluate comprehensive modernization for the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

[Register](#) today for SCAG's [58th annual Regional Conference and General Assembly](#) to join Southern California's most influential leaders on May 4–5, at the JW Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa. This two-day event brings together elected officials, policymakers, business and civic leaders, transportation and environmental stakeholders, government staff and others for solution-oriented discussions on crucial challenges facing communities across the SCAG region.

Register by Friday, March 31 to get \$100 off the general admission price. The event is free for elected officials and city managers in the region.

For more information about the event, please visit scag.ca.gov/ga2023. Interested in becoming a sponsor? [Click here](#).

UPDATE ON REGIONAL ADVANCE MITIGATION PLANNING AND SOCIAL GREENPRINT

The Regional Council approved the [Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning \(RAMP\) Policy Framework](#) in February. RAMP is a process to expedite project delivery by planning for environmental mitigation to reduce environmental impacts earlier in the planning process and at a wider scale.

This decision supports advanced mitigation in the region and directs the creation of the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to ensure the future SoCal Greenprint tool is aligned with policy objectives identified in the framework. Recruitment for the TAC will begin in the next month, with letters to agencies and organizations asking for nominations, as well as outreach to SCAG's advisory groups to help spread the word.

The TAC will convene in Spring 2023 and will advise staff on the development of SoCal Greenprint – a tool to help stakeholders make early and informed decisions about infrastructure, growth and conservation, and to mitigate the environmental impacts of Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

SCAG staff are currently initiating a competitive procurement process for a consultant to facilitate the TAC and complete the SoCal Greenprint tool.

SURVEY TO SUPPORT PERMIT STREAMLINING FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE NOW OPEN

To support the expansion of broadband access across the region, SCAG and the San Diego Association of Governments are working towards creating a universal permit and model ordinance to expedite the permitting process and have developed a survey seeking input from local jurisdictions in developing a Permit Streamlining Manual to support the rapid deployment of broadband infrastructure.

The survey has two sections, "Planning" and "Public Works," to reflect different roles in permitting broadband infrastructure, and seeks to understand the existing laws, policies and resources affecting conditions in each jurisdiction.

- [Permit Streamlining Survey for Planning](#)
- [Permit Streamlining Survey for Public Works](#)

The surveys are open through March 23. For more details on SCAG's permit streamlining survey efforts, contact Roland Ok at ok@scag.ca.gov.

GO HUMAN COMMUNITY HUBS GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE

The guidelines for the 2023 [Go Human Community Hubs Program](#) were released last month. The program offers funding opportunities for community organizations to implement local traffic safety and community engagement strategies that leverage community gatherings, resource sites and networks. The program will award up to \$40,000 to selected projects; interested applicants are invited to review the [Program Guidelines](#) in anticipation of the Spring 2023 Call for Applications. SCAG expects to host an informational webinar when the Call for Applications opens.

The full March Executive Director's Report is available here: scag.ca.gov/edr-mar-23.

WEEKLY MEMO 3-09-2023

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

March 2, 2023 - March 8, 2023

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 3/8/2023 4:01 pm PST

It's #InternationalWomensDay. A shout out to #GardenGrovePD ladies in blue and our fellow sisters in #lawenforcement...



Impressions	1,905
Reach	1,905
Engagements	434
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	22.8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 3/4/2023 12:00 pm PST

Outreach & Cleanup Recap: this week, #GardenGrovePD's Special Resource Team (SRT) collaborated with Be Well OC,...



Impressions	6,849
Reach	6,278
Engagements	1,879
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	27.4%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 3/3/2023 8:00 pm PST

This week, #GardenGrovePD officers, staff and volunteers participated in the Annual #ReadAcrossAmerica Event by reading t...



Video Views	248
Impressions	578
Reach	534
Engagements	88
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 3/2/2023 6:00 pm PST

Earlier today, #GardenGrovePD Officers were in the area if Euclid St / Chapman Ave when they noticed a motorcycle going a...



Impressions	13,177
Reach	12,546
Engagements	3,397
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	25.8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 3/2/2023 12:00 pm PST

#DidYouKnow, bulk items that are not properly disposed become many of the things #GardenGrovePD Special Resourc...



Impressions	1,350
Reach	1,312
Engagements	65
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.8%



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Wed 3/8/2023 3:35 pm PST



Impressions	460
Reach	455
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	7



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Wed 3/8/2023 3:31 pm PST

PAINT & SIP AT ART IN THE PARK MARCH 18
Don't miss your opportunity to experience outdoor painting while enjoying a non-...



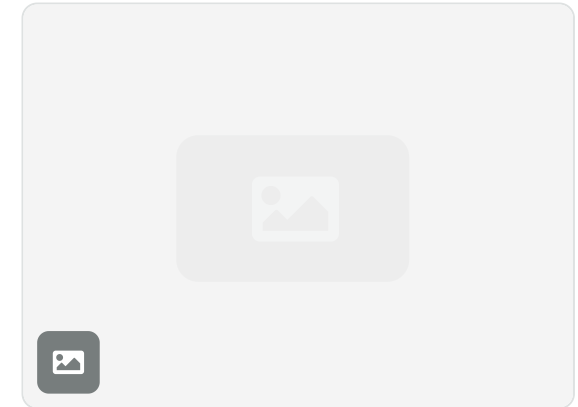
Impressions	1,702
Reach	1,470
Engagements	70
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 3/8/2023 3:26 pm PST

PAINT & SIP AT ART IN THE PARK MARCH 18
Don't miss your opportunity to experience outdoor painting while enjoying a non-...



Impressions	1,385
Reach	1,374
Engagements	60
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 3/8/2023 9:46 am PST

Join the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce for the Multi Chamber Mixer! 📅
Wednesday, March 15 🕒 5:30 p.m. to 7:...



Impressions	677
Reach	677
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 3/7/2023 1:56 pm PST

Art in the Park returns! We've partnered w/ **@GGUSD** to bring a unique celebration of arts & culture to downtown! Enjoy...



Impressions	142
Potential Reach	4,650
Engagements	26
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	18.3%



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Tue 3/7/2023 1:50 pm PST



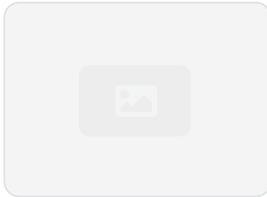
Impressions	750
Reach	744
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	1



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Tue 3/7/2023 1:43 pm PST

🎨 Art in the Park returns to Village Green Park! We've partnered with the Garden Grove Unified School District to bring a...



Impressions	2,726
Reach	2,130
Engagements	204
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 3/7/2023 1:39 pm PST

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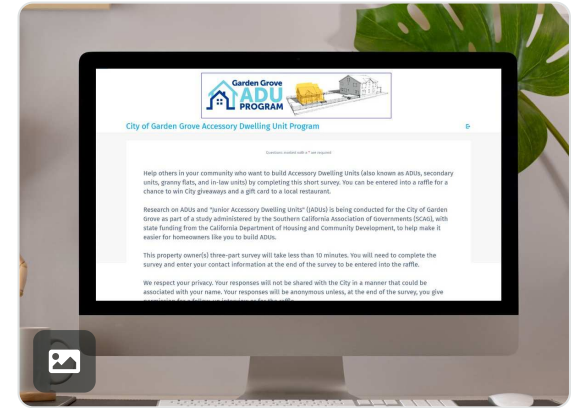
Impressions	5,077
Reach	4,859
Engagements	564
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.1%



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Mon 3/6/2023 1:51 pm PST

🏠 Residents with property containing an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) or those who are considering adding one, please...



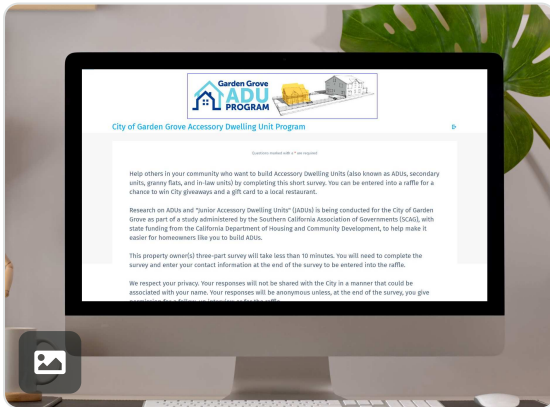
Impressions	132
Potential Reach	4,649
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%



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Mon 3/6/2023 12:39 pm PST

Do you have an ADU or are planning to build one? #GardenGrove residents with property containing an accessory dwelli...



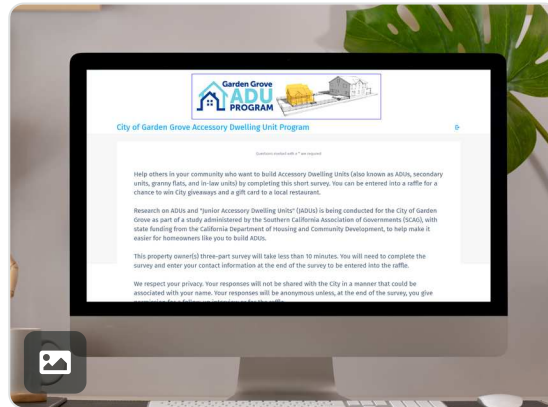
Impressions	1,133
Reach	1,026
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 3/6/2023 12:25 pm PST

Do you have an ADU or are planning to build one? #GardenGrove residents with property containing an accessory dwelli...



Impressions	786
Reach	786
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 3/6/2023 11:07 am PST

The City, in collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), will transform Village Green Park into an...



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 3/3/2023 2:08 pm PST

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It's back, #GardenGrove! 🏡💎

We're excited to invite homeowners to start sprucing up their home's exterior and gardens for the return of Garden Grove Gems, the home beautification program that recognizes Garden Grove's most dazzling homes!

GG1956

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	138
Potential Reach	4,647
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 3/3/2023 2:08 pm PST

It's back, #GardenGrove! 🏡💎 We're excited to invite homeowners to start sprucing up their home's exterior and...



Video Views	151
Impressions	414
Reach	395
Engagements	28
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 3/3/2023 11:00 am PST

Help prepare your children and family to enter kindergarten during this year's Kinderpalooza! The community is invited...



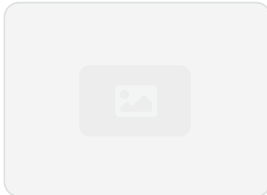
Impressions	150
Potential Reach	4,647
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%



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Fri 3/3/2023 11:00 am PST

Help prepare your children and family to enter kindergarten during this year's Kinderpalooza! The community is invited...



Impressions	1,857
Reach	1,279
Engagements	61
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 3/3/2023 11:00 am PST

Help prepare your children and family to enter kindergarten during this year's Kinderpalooza! The community is invited...



Impressions	2,483
Reach	2,237
Engagements	177
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.1%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 3/2/2023 5:10 pm PST

SAVE THE DATE Compost Giveaway April 1 | 8-10:30AM Municipal Service Center | 13802 Newhope Street Receive up to 60...



Impressions	130
Potential Reach	4,647
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



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Thu 3/2/2023 5:05 pm PST

SAVE THE DATE Compost Giveaway
Saturday, April 1 | 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Garden Grove Municipal Service Center...



Impressions	1,238
Reach	1,098
Engagements	27
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/2/2023 5:04 pm PST

SAVE THE DATE Compost Giveaway
Saturday, April 1 | 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Garden Grove Municipal Service Center...



Impressions	354
Reach	330
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 3/2/2023 3:00 pm PST

Do you want to meet your local
@OCFireAuthority (OCFA) firefighters?
Now's your chance! The community is...



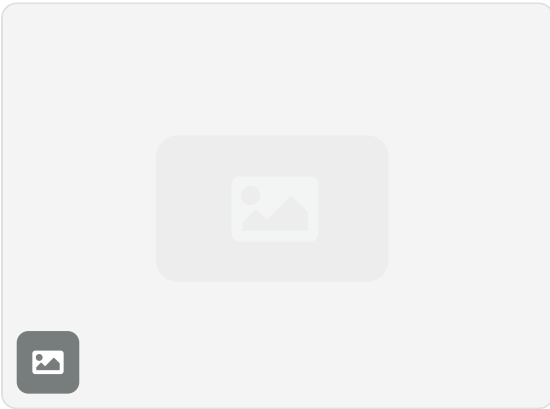
Impressions	201
Potential Reach	4,647
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%



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Thu 3/2/2023 3:00 pm PST

Do you want to meet your local @ocfireauthority (OCFA) firefighters? Now's your chance! The community is...



Impressions	1,498
Reach	1,368
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 3/2/2023 3:00 pm PST

Do you want to meet your local Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) firefighters? Now's your chance! The community is...



Impressions	1,449
Reach	1,428
Engagements	52
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.6%

WEEKLY MEMO 3-09-2023

NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Lisa Kim (714) 741-5140
Assistant City Manager /
Community & Economic Development Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Thursday, February 9, 2023



COMMUNITY INVITED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT WORKSHOP

The City of Garden Grove is hosting a free in-person Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Workshop to provide information on the City's upcoming ADU program. The workshop takes place on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

ADUs are independent living units attached or detached to a single-family home. The workshop will be an introduction to ADUs. Topics to be discussed are: different types of ADUs, the benefits of building ADUs, the development process, and the City's pre-approved ADU plans.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/planning/adu or contact Shawn Park, Senior Administrative Analyst at (714) 741-5371 or shawnp@ggcity.org.



We invite you to an in-person workshop to learn about the City of Garden Grove's upcoming Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023
6 - 8 pm**

Location

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92840

For more information visit
ggcity.org/planning/adu



Garden Grove Planning Services Division
(714) 741-5312





CONTACT: Dana Saucedo
Community Services Department
(714) 741-5242/danam@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, February 9, 2023

**WIN FREE CLASS SESSION DURING CITY'S
PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDE INSTAGRAM GIVEAWAY**

The City of Garden Grove is hosting an Instagram giveaway for a free contract class session offered through the City's Winter/Spring 2023 Parks and Recreation Guide. The giveaway takes place from Monday, February 13 through Friday, February 17, from followers of the City's Instagram page, [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall). Contract classes include soccer and basketball skills and drills; line dancing; martial arts; and volleyball.

The Parks and Recreation Guide offers a multitude of programs, classes, and activities for residents and visitors. The guide provides a listing of youth sports and creative arts; adult activities and fitness; special events and more. Explore the guide at ggparksandrec.com, and sign up for the winter/spring session by April 2023.

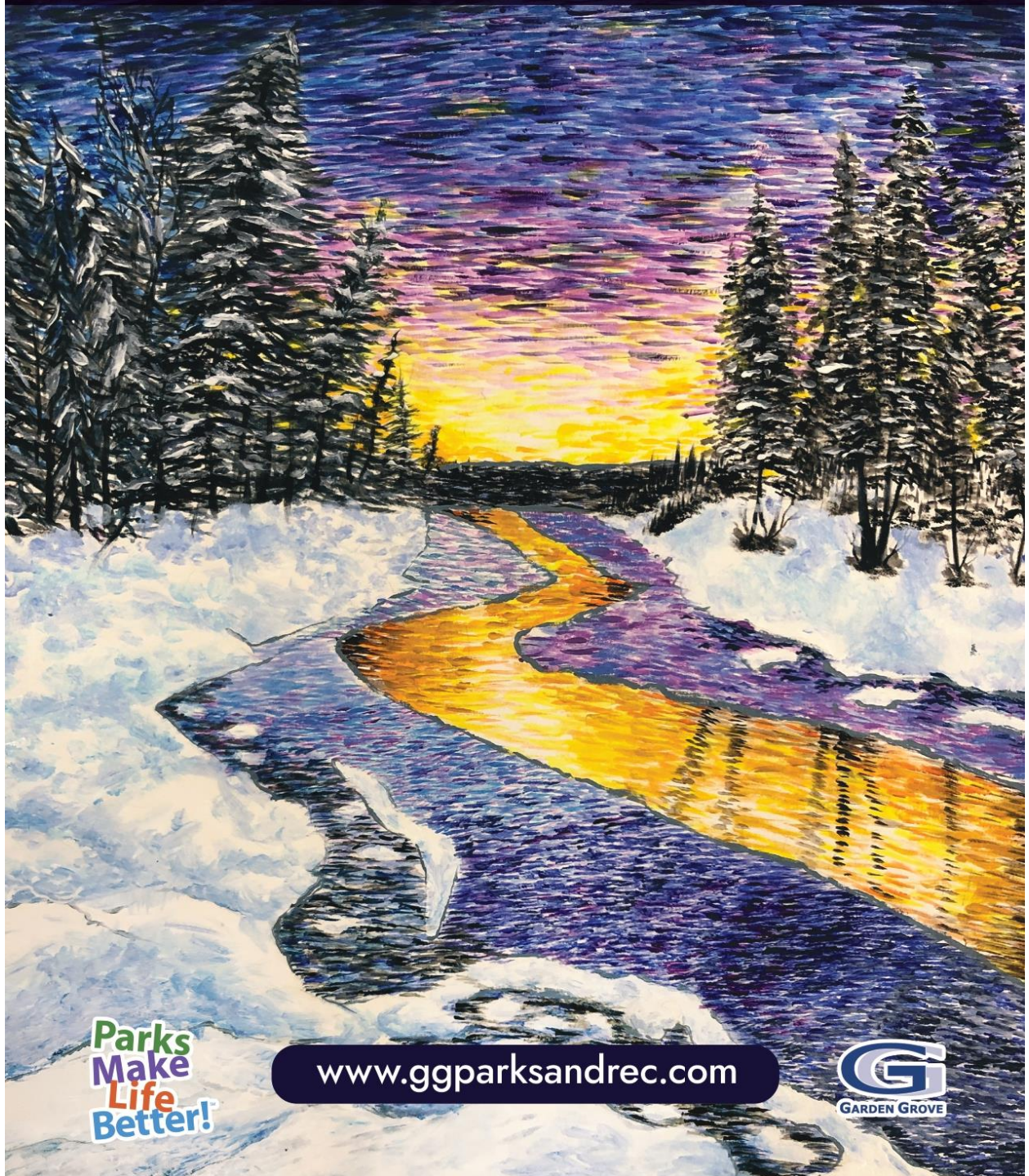
Users are invited to follow [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall) to participate in the giveaway. One participant will be chosen from the City's Instagram page. Instagram followers will have opportunities to win more prizes through other upcoming social media giveaways and more.

For more information, visit ggparksandrec.com or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

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PARKS & RECREATION GUIDE

Winter/Spring 2023



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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, February 13, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CITY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 2023 GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES' RECEPTION

Local businesses and organizations that are interested in supporting higher education in the community are encouraged to become a sponsor for the annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception in May 2023. Sponsorships begin at \$300.

Last year, thanks to the support of generous sponsors, the City of Garden Grove recognized nearly 40 local graduates during the reception and awarded over \$5,000 in cash and prizes. This year's event invites sponsoring businesses and organizations to honor Garden Grove residents for their accomplishments in higher education and encourage them to build their professional careers here in Garden Grove.

Sponsorship benefits include an invitation to attend the 2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, mentions in various marketing outlets, including City publications, website, and social media.

Sponsorship levels include a Master's Sponsorship of \$1,000+; Bachelor's Sponsorship of \$500+; and an Associates' Sponsorship of \$300+. In-kind donations are also welcomed. Visit ggcity.org/grads to fill out a sponsorship form.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at communityrelations@ggcity.org or (714) 741-5280.



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Join local businesses as a corporate sponsor of the

2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception



Sponsorships begin at \$300.
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College Graduates' Reception Sponsorship

MAY 2023

The City of Garden Grove is offering a unique opportunity for businesses and organizations to honor local college graduates while gaining valuable exposure. All sponsors are invited to the event.

Master's Sponsorship \$1,000+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases and social media
- Recognition at event
- Logo on promotional flyer
- Logo on invitation

Bachelor's Sponsorship \$500+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases
- Logo on promotional flyer

Associates Sponsorship \$300+

- Logo on City website
- Logo on promotional flyer

Company or Organization:

Representative:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

Social Media Handle(s):

Please complete and email form to communityrelations@ggcity.org or call (714) 741-5280. Sponsors must provide logo of at least 300 dpi quality. Electronic form is available at ggcity.org/grads.

Payment:

Make checks payable to the Garden Grove Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Mail or deliver payment by Monday, March 20, 2023 to:

City of Garden Grove
Attn: Office of Community Relations
11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840





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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE SOCIAL CHALLENGE**

The City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Unified School District invite local high school students, 10th-12th grades, to participate in the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, aimed at supporting local small businesses. Students are invited to create a 30- to 60-second "foodie" video at a Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café of their choice, and submit their original work online, at ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove, by Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Submissions will be showcased on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok, @foodsofgardengrove. All participants will be entered into an opportunity drawing to win a \$100 gift card. Three winners will be chosen at random.

Videos must be the original work of the student and feature one of the Foods of Garden Grove businesses. Videos must be uploaded without music or voice over. Choice of music and voice over can be indicated in the submission form.

The social challenge is part of the City's Foods of Garden Grove program showcasing the city's vibrant food culture through a prominent list of 150 select eateries. Through the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, students can create a unique "foodie" experience featuring their favorite meals and beverages.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove or email foodies@ggcity.org.



FOODS OF
GARDEN GROVE

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

ARE YOU A FOODIE?

Create a 30- to 60-second foodie video at your favorite Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Participants must be Garden Grove Unified School District high school students, 10th -12th grades.

Videos submitted may be used on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok platforms.

Learn more at ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 23, 2023



@foodsofgardengrove



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Tuesday, March 7, 2023



COMMUNITY INVITED TO ART IN THE PARK MARCH 18

The City of Garden Grove, in collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), will transform Village Green Park into an outdoor, interactive art festival for the 5th Annual Art in the Park. The community is invited to attend the free event on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street.

Event activities will include the Art Car, an opportunity to paint on a classic car transformed into a blank art canvas; Recess Revolution, an unstructured free-play area; LEGO® Creation Station; ceramics demos and ukulele lessons led by Garden Grove Unified School District teachers and students from Rancho Alamitos High School and La Quinta High School; and Paint and Sip, an outdoor painting experience with non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages provided.

The Paint and Sip activity is \$15 per individual and will be offered twice during the event. Times are 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is limited to 50 participants per session. To sign up, go to ggcity.org/artinthepark or call (714) 741-5200.

Art in the Park will also feature live performances from GGUSD students, as well as temporary art installations, including a "RE:IMAGINE" banner and oversized easels, displaying GGUSD student artwork.

Community Invited to Art in the Park March 18
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C&M Ohana will be onsite selling kettle corn and sweet treats.

GGUSD's annual First Impressions Student Art Exhibit, showcasing the artistic talents of GGUSD students, grades pre-K through 12th, will once again be located at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, in Village Green Park, at 12732 Main Street. Opening day is Saturday, March 18, at 9:00 a.m. The exhibit will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 20 through Thursday, March 23.

In keeping with the Re:Imagine Garden Grove efforts, the annual Art in the Park furthers the City's goal to beautify Garden Grove's open spaces through community art and culture.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200 or visit ggcity.org/artinthepark.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, March 2, 2023



FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY TO GARDEN GROVE RESIDENTS

Garden Grove residents may receive up to 60 gallons of compost for free at the annual Compost Giveaway. The event takes place on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the Garden Grove Municipal Service Center, located at 13802 Newhope Street.

Compost is limited to 60 gallons per household, until quantities run out, and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents must bring their own containers or buckets. Bags are not allowed. Proof of residency is required.

Residents must enter from A Better Way, accessible from Anabel Street, which is north of the Garden Grove Municipal Service Center.

The Garden Grove Sanitary District and Republic Services are hosting the compost giveaway as a way to say "thank you" to residents for participating in the state-mandated Organics Recycling program, enabling residents and businesses to recycle all food waste, food-soiled paper, and yard waste in an organics cart.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/organics-recycling.

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Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Friday, March 3, 2023



SPRUCE UP YOUR FRONT YARD FOR THE HOME BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

The City of Garden Grove invites homeowners to start sprucing up their home's front yards for Garden Grove Gems, a home beautification program that recognizes residents for their outstanding curb appeal efforts. Residents can self-nominate their homes online from Monday, April 10 through Friday, April 28. Online voting will take place from Monday, May 8 to Sunday, May 21. Winning homes will receive citywide recognition with homeowners invited to an awards reception hosted by the Garden Grove City Council.

The home that receives the highest number of votes, along with a second-place runner up, will be determined for each district. All winners will be announced during the week of May 29, 2023 through the City's website, social media platforms, and local media.

For more information and program guidelines, visit ggcity.org/gems or call (714) 741-5200.



Save the Date

Garden Grove Gems is a virtual home beautification program recognizing Garden Grove residents for their amazing homes.

*Nominate your home
online to participate!*



Nominations

**MONDAY, APRIL 10 –
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

Participating residents will
nominate themselves.

Voting

**MONDAY, MAY 8 –
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

Community will vote online
for one home per District.

visit ggcity.org/gems for more details.



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

March 9, 2023

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes for the February 23, 2023 and Notice of Cancellation of the March 9, 2023 Zoning Administrator Meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation of the March 16, 2023 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from March 3, 2023 to March 9, 2023.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9, 2023 – April 25, 2023

Thursday	March 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	March 10		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	March 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Saturday	March 18	11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	5 th Annual Art in the Park Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street
Thursday	March 23		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	March 24		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 28	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 7		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	April 13	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 21		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 25	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 9:06 a.m.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-232-2023

Applicant: Toby Nguyen
Location: 8762 Garden Grove Boulevard #102
Date: February 23, 2023

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 3,748 square foot preschool/daycare, Dragonfly Academy, for 54 children, aged 2 to 5 years old, along with a 2,025 square foot outdoor playground. Upon approval of the subject request, the Conditional Use permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-047-2015, which allowed an after-school program, shall be revoked and become null and void. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Phong Chau.

Staff noted the sound attenuation features for the outdoor playground area would include staggered playtime in 30-minute increments, six times per day, with a maximum capacity of 18 children at any time. Total playtime per day would be three hours between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The applicant also distributed letters to the six residential units that abut the playground to the east. One resident did not object to the project, the others were not home, nor did they express concerns. A copy of the letter was distributed to the Zoning Administrator.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1835-23 with amendments to the conditions of approval as follows.

Add two conditions:

61. In an effort to minimize noise from the outdoor playground, the Applicant shall install rubber flooring tiles, artificial turf, or other design features and/or flooring materials that provide adequate sound

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attenuation. The materials shall be maintained and kept free of any tears, holes, and in a fadeless condition.

62. The Applicant shall install sound curtains/panels along the full length of the block wall located on the east side of the playground that provide adequate sound attenuation. The outdoor sound curtains/panels shall be maintained and kept free of any tears, holes, and in a fadeless condition.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-233-2023

Applicant: Smartlink (c/o AT&T Mobility)
Location: 12432 9th Street
Date: February 23, 2023

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the construction and operation of a 60'-0" tall, unmanned, wireless telecommunication facility disguised as a eucalyptus tree (mono-eucalyptus), along with a 375 square foot (25 feet x 15 feet) equipment enclosure, to be located on a site currently improved with a church, St. Olaf Church. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303(c) – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Jermaine Taylor, Kaye Monachelli, Alissa Munoz, Jose Dias, Melissa Lopez, Charles Lee. Three letters of opposition were received from Kaye Monachelli, Linda Maher, and Roy and Pat Amelang. The letters and speakers cited concerns with the cell tower's proximity to the church, school, and residential backyards, along with concerns with the existing cell tower including maintenance, noise pollution from workers at night, the generator, and the tower itself (buzzing causing lack of sleep). General concerns included general safety, and health risk safety in regard to the effects of 5G RF radiation exposure causing mental health issues in adults and children; the tower possibly falling in an earthquake; the lowering of property values; that two existing facilities are already in the vicinity; and more research, studies, and tests are needed in regard to 5G technology.

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Action: In light of the concerns, the Zoning Administrator remanded CUP-233-2023 to the Planning Commission hearing body, to a date uncertain, in order to allow the applicant to conduct and present further studies on past and current cell tower technology for the benefit of the residents. The Planning Commission meeting would be duly noticed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 16, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: March 9, 2023

JOHN RAMIREZ
CHAIR



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: March 2, 2023

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



Eight Cal Cities-sponsored bills you need to know

Mar 8, 2023

The League of California Cities is proactively advancing cities' interests by working with lawmakers to introduce bills that target common issues facing cities. Cal Cities is currently sponsoring eight bills that collectively focus on public safety concerns, public meetings, council member pay, and fiscal sustainability.

Many of these bills have placeholder language and are awaiting amendments.

Repeat theft and emergency medical services

Retailers and police departments have reported an increase in repeated — sometimes [high-profile](#) — organized retail crime. [AB 1708 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) would reverse that trend by reforming Proposition 47 to increase accountability for serial theft and encourage responsive intervention programs that divert people away from both crime and prison.

Approved in 2014, Prop. 47 recategorized some nonviolent offenses, such as shoplifting, as misdemeanors. If signed into law, the changes proposed by AB 1708 would be placed on the 2024 statewide ballot for voter approval.

AB 1708 is co-sponsored by the California Police Chiefs Association and the California Retailers Association. The bill currently has placeholder language and is awaiting amendments.

Cal Cities is also sponsoring [AB 1168 \(Bennett\)](#). Once amended, the measure would clarify the Legislature's intent regarding a local jurisdiction's right to deliver prehospital emergency medical services (EMS). AB 1168 would reconcile *City of Oxnard v. County of Ventura*, which ruled that Oxnard lost its authority to provide prehospital EMS after signing a joint powers authority agreement with the county.

AB 1168 is supported by the California Professional Firefighters Association and the California Fire Chiefs Association.

Brown Act and council member pay

Cal Cities is sponsoring two Ralph M. Brown Act bills and a measure that would reform council member pay. Two of the measures would reduce barriers to city councils and certain other legislative bodies.

[AB 557 \(Hart\)](#), would eliminate the sunset provisions in [AB 361 \(R. Rivas, 2021\)](#). The Rivas measure allows cities to meet remotely during proclaimed states of emergency under modified Brown Act requirements. The Hart bill would also provide greater flexibility for agencies that meet on a fixed date every month by extending the SB 361 renewal period to 45 days.

[AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#) — pending amendments — would allow non-decision-making legislative bodies currently governed by the Brown Act, such as advisory bodies and commissions, to participate in two-way virtual teleconferencing without posting their physical location.

The teleconference flexibility granted to cities because of COVID-19 noticeably reduced barriers to participation. Residents who were usually not able to participate due to time, distance, or mandatory physical participation requirements were able to attend public meetings. AB 817 would maintain that access for certain legislative bodies, creating greater access to leadership opportunities and providing more diverse input on critical community proposals.

[SB 329 \(Dodd\)](#) would boost participation and diversity among city councils by allowing general law cities to adjust city council pay caps for inflation based on the California Consumer Price Index. Currently, in general law cities, city councils may vote to receive a salary, not to exceed limits based on population size provided in state law. This limit has not been increased since 1984, despite inflation rising over 300% during that time.

[On-time and on-budget public projects](#)

Cal Cities is sponsoring two measures that would protect and expand cities' ability to use design-build procurement processes. These processes allow a city to contract with a single entity to design and construct a project at a fixed price. Contractors are also given more flexibility over project design, materials, and construction methods. This encourages greater collaboration between cities, designers, and contractors, which reduces delays, mitigates risks early, and keeps costs low.

The progressive design-build process starts this collaboration during the earliest stages of project development and produces cost estimates at different phases of the decision process. This results in greater benefits, including fewer change orders.

Although utilization of the design-build process [is becoming more common](#), cities can only employ it until Jan. 1, 2025. Moreover, California law restricts the progressive design-build process to water projects over \$5 million in total costs. Using both processes can help advance vital infrastructure projects on time and on budget. Persistent labor gaps, increased building material costs, and strict use-it-or-lose-it timelines for federal dollars mean that even a modest project delay can noticeably increase a project's cost. With the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in particular, cities have a short period of time to access and use federal funding.

[AB 400 \(Rubio\)](#) would permanently allow local governments to use design-build processes. [SB 706 \(Caballero\)](#) would allow cities to use progressive design-build for all public projects over \$5 million.

[Streamlined grant applications and technical assistance](#)

Cal Cities is working with Assembly Member Brian Maienschein on a bill that would coordinate and align local government assistance resources from the state for various environmental grant programs. The bill would convene a statewide, cross-agency workgroup to help develop a coordinated management system. The bill will be in print shortly.

A uniform and streamlined application process would allow cities to effectively and equitably access funding opportunities. Most state grant programs have unique grant application processes and equally varied local assistance programs are scattered across state departments. Applying for grants is further complicated by a lack of staffing capacity and experience at the local level.

Likewise, centralizing local government assistance resources and developing a coordinated system to manage available funding would deliver the maximum number of projects as efficiently and equitably as possible.

[How to get involved](#)

The 2023 legislative season will kick off in earnest next week when policy committee meetings start. These small, focused meetings provide new opportunities for city officials to communicate their concerns. *Cal Cities Advocate* will provide regular information — including sample letters of support and opposition — on the top bills facing cities, any notable legislative changes, and how to make your city's voice heard. To learn about the bills with the biggest impacts to cities this session, register for the [2023 Legislative Briefing](#).



Cal Cities backs Senator Eggman's efforts to bring more changes to California's behavioral health care system

Mar 8, 2023

Cal Cities supports both proposed measures, SB 43 and SB 363.

Sen. Susan Eggman unveiled two bills last Wednesday that would further update California's behavioral health system: [SB 43](#) and [SB 363](#). The bills are supported by the League of California Cities, behavioral health advocates, and the Big City Mayors Coalition, which is sponsoring the measures.

SB 43 would update California's 1967 conservatorship law by expanding the definition of "gravely disabled" to include conditions that result in a substantial risk of serious harm to an individual's physical or mental health. The current law's high threshold makes it difficult to provide treatment for individuals unable to care for themselves.

SB 363 would establish a real-time, internet-based dashboard to collect, aggregate, and display information about available beds in psychiatric and substance abuse facilities. This easily accessible data would connect individuals to care more quickly and help cut down on extended emergency room stays.

Like many other health conditions, when mental illness and substance use are treated early and with appropriate supports and services, they are less disabling and result in fewer adverse outcomes.

Cal Cities is eager to again support efforts that would provide cities' most vulnerable residents with access to the behavioral health services they need. These proposals are consistent with Cal Cities 2023 [Advocacy Priorities](#) and budget asks, which seek to secure increased funding and resources to prevent homelessness and assist individuals experiencing homelessness.

Eggman, a clinical social worker, introduced similar measures last year. Her 2022 [eight-bill legislative package](#) was aimed at better coordinating existing programs to improve patient outcomes. Cal Cities supported all eight measures. Ultimately, only three were signed into law.

If your city would like to signal support for this legislation, consider submitting a city sample letter for [SB 43](#) and [SB 363](#). For more information about Cal Cities' advocacy efforts on these bills, please contact [Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Caroline Cirrincione](#).